

**Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission
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**Surveys of Disabled Veterans & Survivors - Scheduled to Begin
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The Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission is conducting a special survey of disabled veterans and a separate survey of survivors during the months of November 2006 through April 2007. The purpose of these surveys is to ensure that a nationally representative sample of both groups are given the opportunity to share their views and experiences with the Commission and Congress.

The surveys are being carried out by telephone interviews by ORC Macro, an independent research company that conducts surveys for the government and the private sector. Participants are contacted first in writing, followed by a phone call to either conduct the survey or arrange a more convenient time to talk. In some instances, participants may simply receive a phone call.

The surveys ask questions about the individual's health status, life satisfaction, health care and employment. Participation in the survey is voluntary and extremely important because everyone selected to take part will help to give us a clearer picture of the effects of service-connected disability in the lives of veterans and survivors.

The Commission will use the survey results to develop its report and recommendations to Congress about benefits for service-disabled veterans and survivors. This final report will be available after October 2007 on this website.

If you are contacted and asked to participate: please do! You will be the voice for many other veterans or survivors like yourself.

If you are not contacted, please note that our sample was drawn randomly to represent all disabled veterans and surviving spouses. We cannot accept volunteers for the survey because we must assure accurate representation of all disabled veterans and survivors. Adding volunteers would bias this representation.

We appreciate your time and value your input. Please email us at veterans@vetscommission.com, if you have questions or concerns about these surveys.